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Friday, December 13, 1901.

The victims of the tragedy went to the house for the purpose of raising and feathering the attorney. We do not know whether the tar and feathers were deserved, but we do know that when men climb into other people's houses in the middle of the night they must expect to get shot.—Newport News Telegram.

This mistaken idea has gotten abroad. No tarring and feathering was even contemplated. Marx acted bravely and magnanimously in the affair. No one can possibly ensure him for the defense he made of his own home—his "castle." As to the cause for action on the part of the unfortunate victims there is every reason to believe their intentions justifiable. That they proceeded in an unwise way the results themselves prove. There was no intention on the part of the attackers to shoot, and in this Marx had the decided advantage. He could play right and left, and not desiring to shoot they could not resist him. It was all a fearful error and a dreadful calamity. Not one of the least of its phases has been the venomous color given it by Northern journals. They depict it as a case of would-be lynchers or white caps. It savored of neither of these. Some young men of the most prominent families conceived the best way, as they thought, of getting rid of a young intruder who had wronged a maiden of one of their county's leading families.

The new Legislature, according to some newspaper accounts, is controlled by Martin Swanson men, and some of the Montague men who think they deserved better assignments than they got are setting up a howl—coming the "baby-act." This behavior is to be deplored. Indications point to the belief that some Montague people are anxious to keep the breach open, as only in this way can they hope to hold the public eye. Opposition to Mr. Montague's administration is only in the imagination of some, and in the mouths of others who desire to keep the factional fires burning. Not a few animosities aroused will not be from the Swanson quarter. Says the Richmond News: "Any factious or wanton hindrance to the new Governor will be resented bitterly by the people of Virginia. We hope there will be none of it. We know there will be none from Mr. Swanson or those who follow his guidance. He is too manly a man and too true a Virginian to do any baby act."

A CITY contemporary says it appears that the Pennsylvania politicians have no intention of permitting Mr. Quay to retire from politics. "Boss" Quay, as he has been known, tried to retire from the political arena some years ago, but his enemies wanted to assist with the toe of the boot. The result was that the "Boss" turned around and squelched his enemies. With things pretty well in hand he is attempting to again retire gracefully, but the foolish opposition want to get in a few licks to square accounts. The result is in doubt, but the chances are that when the mastiff turns the snapping curs will hasten into his kennels, to keep watch until the big one again passes by on the road to retirement.

IN THE Governor's message he declares, and very logically, too, that one of the best evidences of the improved condition of our people is shown by the fact that in 1897 \$33,041.53 was derived from the 5 per cent. penalty on taxes collected after December 1st, while in 1900 the amount is only \$19,748.99, or little more than half that of the year 1897. This is very gratifying because of two indications: One that the people have the money to pay promptly with, and the other that they are not slow to take advantage of the "discount," thus showing a commendable commercial sagacity.

THE President has created consternation in the ranks of party workers by his move to separate the public service from partisan politics. He has ordered U. S. officials to resign their positions in the party organizations. This is commendable, but it is poor politics. So, good-bye, Teddy.

SINCE it seems accepted that Congress will make an effort to get rid of the surplus in the Treasury, and that it will devote a large part of it to meritorious river and harbor improvement schemes, why cannot the Rappahannock and its tributaries, long neglected, get a reasonable share? No water-way of half the importance is so poorly lighted, buoyed or dredged.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT's message contained a number of admirable recommendations. We should not be sorry to see his suggestion adopted as to a national law which shall prevent convict labor from coming into competition with honest trades. Our statesmen might then be forced to put the convicts to work on roads, a movement greatly to be desired.

THE Richmond Dispatch and the Richmond Evening News have joined typographical and business forces and will hereafter be issued from the same building. The editorial departments will, however, be entirely separate. These two papers will make a strong combination, for they are both bright and shining lights in Virginia journalism.

BIENNIAL sessions of the Legislature and convicts put to work on the public roads are two items that the Constitutional Convention could and should give the people in the line of beneficial legislation.

DOINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE.

The following are chairmen of the Senate committees: Privileges and Elections, William Hodges; Mann Finance, Henry T. Wickham; Courts, William B. McIlwaine; Counties, Cities and Towns, J. N. Opie; General Laws, William P. Barksdale; Roads, Bland Massie; Public Instruction, George W. LeCato; Fish and Game, George B. Keesell.

The Legislative caucus nominated these officers: Secretary of the Commission, D. G. Eggleston, member of the Constitutional Convention and ex-Senator from Charlotte; G. M. Helms, of Franklin, Superintendent of the Penitentiary; Dr. J. G. Southall, of Amelia, Superintendent of Public Instruction; A. S. Harnan, of Rockbridge, Treasurer; Morton, of Arlington, Auditor of Public Accounts; John G. Dow, Second Auditor. The only real contests were those for Secretary of the Commonwealth and Superintendent of the Public Instruction.

A bill was introduced to pay John A. Curtis, George B. Keesell and Pembroke Pettit \$500 each for their services as members of the State board of fisheries.

It is now pretty well settled that the Legislature will adjourn this week. It is probable that the recess will extend to March or April, or possibly later.

Speaker Ryan has privileged the list of the House standing committees for the session as follows: Samuel L. Kelley, Privileges and Elections, which is the ranking committee of the body. By virtue of this position, he becomes floor leader of the majority on all party questions, and presides in the absence of the Speaker. E. C. Folkes, Committee on Labor and the Poor; Thomas W. Gordon, Counties, Cities and Towns; R. G. Southall, Courts of Justice; W. R. Duke, Schools and Colleges; George Y. Hunley, General Laws; J. W. Churchman, Roads; W. H. Boaz, Finance; S. M. Newhouse, Committee on Agriculture and Prisons; N. B. Early, Militia and Police; John Whitehead, Banks, Currency, and Commerce; J. C. Featherston, Agriculture; Charles T. Bland, Manufactures and Mechanics' Arts; S. W. Matthews, Chesapeake and its Tributaries; Tipton Jennings, Public Property. As a rule the assignments give satisfaction.

OFFICIAL VOTE FOR GOVERNOR.

The Legislature has canvassed the vote of last month and finds it as follows:

For Governor: Montague (Dem.)	116,683
(Folger) Rep.	81,360
Montague's majority	35,323
For Lieutenant Governor: William B. Dickenson (Rep.)	115,807
Montague's majority	73,835
Willard's majority	41,930
For Attorney-General: Anderson (Dem.)	112,936
Groner (Rep.)	71,027
Anderson's majority	41,909

GOOD ASSIGNMENTS.

Representative Jno. M. Lyell, from this Legislative District, although a new man, has gotten splendid committee assignments. Best of all is on committee on Chesapeake and its Tributaries.

A SLANDER SUIT.

James E. McDonald has entered suit against O. D. Marston, both of Tappahannock, for \$3,000 damages for slander. The action is brought in the Circuit Court of Lancaster county, the alleged slanderous statements having been made by Mr. Marston in the store of L. T. Rock, Litwiltown, in the month of May, in the presence of prominent citizens.

POLITICAL.

The Democrats of Boston elected their ticket Tuesday by 19,000 plurality.

The Sub-Committee of State Democrats in Richmond Tuesday night formulated a plan, to go into effect next year, for the nomination by majority of all officers from U. S. Senator down to Constable and Overseer. The original primary people only wanted U. S. Senator and a few others included in the plan, but were overruled.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The convention, in Committee of the Whole, voted overwhelmingly to abolish the county courts.

The vote which defeated the election of Supreme Court Judges by the people stood 40 to 27.

THE TRAGEDY IN WESTMORELAND.

FACTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN HERETOFORE TOLD.

Marx Property Still—Stiff Still Alive—Marx Turns up in New York.

When Herbert Marx, the young man who shot and killed two men and mortally wounded a third in Westmoreland county Tuesday night of last week, left Fredericksburg Thursday morning, he stopped in Washington and did not go on to his home in Brooklyn for several days.

NO REASON FOR LYNCHING.

There was some talk in Westmoreland about lynching Byrd, the negro who told the story that caused the attack on Marx, but no effort was made to carry it out, and all excitement has subsided. This was because the statement of the negro was substantiated by a gentleman who also witnessed Marx kiss the child, as the negro reported, and discovered their taking further advantage of her. These facts are kept very quiet but a VIRGINIA CITIZEN representative has lately been in that section of the country and learned this, and more. Miss Taylor is only about fourteen years old.

MR. STIFF TALKS.

J. Q. Stiff, who is still alive, told his brother in the hospital in Washington, where he has been in a critical condition since Wednesday, that the only purpose of the party who went to Marx's house was to chastise him. He believes still that Marx deserved that punishment. It was their purpose to make Marx confess to certain misdoings in connection with the girl, which had become local gossip, to chastise him and order him out of the county. The public at large, and the results, disagree with Mr. Stiff in believing that the proper steps were taken.

PLANS MISCARRIED.

Mr. Stiff maintains that the plans were all right, but that they miscarried. They naturally supposed there was not one man in a hundred but who would throw up his hands when covered with a Winchester. To do this, and then to bid Marx their intent. There was no intention on their part to shoot, and right here is where Marx had the advantage. Had they so desired, they could have easily killed him, but while he was doing the shooting some were trying to seize him, others to get away. The one who broke in the window failed in bringing his rifle to bear and in commanding Marx to stand up. He was shot and gotten to the door. He easily slid into the dark hall where he had all the advantage when he began to shoot. Stiff, the older of the attacking party, knew that the plan had miscarried, and he attempted to break in the back way with the hope of throwing a bag of shot into Marx in the dark, saw him, and a second time took a deadly aim. After shooting Hedin and Stiff, Marx rushed out of the house. Taylor was also fleeing—one going one way around the circular drive and the other the other way.

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A PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN.

James Q. Stiff, the third victim, is a brother of Drs. F. W. and Jno. P. Stiff, well-known in this section. He is not aware of the fatal results to his companions, Hedin and Taylor, and believes he is the only one badly injured. He is resigned to his fate, feeling that his was a justifiable, and bears no ill-will towards Marx other than for his treatment to one of his county's maidens. He has been told that Le cannot live. He is unmarried and is one of the energetic young men of the Northern Neck, controlling large interests in both King George and Westmoreland counties. The bullet pierced the right side of his neck, split the spinal cord and lodged in the muscles of the back of the neck. It has been removed.

RAN TO A NEIGHBOR'S.

After his fatal shots Marx sped to the house of W. L. Guttridge, and together they returned to the scene of bloodshed. The way to Marx's home they found Taylor lying on the ground dead, but they were already in Marx's house, Marx himself assisting the men he had a few moments before killed.

A physician was summoned, but it was decided to send the men to Washington. Marx hatched up his team, and the wounded men, Stiff and Hedin, were placed in it.

A RACE WITH DEATH.

Then came an exciting ride—a real race with death. The party was making for the steamer Harry Randall, but thought it was too late to catch her.

Mr. Guttridge decided to ride ahead and attempt to stop the vessel, which he succeeded in doing at Colonial Beach, and the men were placed aboard. Marx returned home, saying he would give himself up to the sheriff.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

The coroner's jury, composed largely of friends and relatives of the victims, very properly exonerated Mr. Marx.

Marx left for Fredericksburg after the inquest. His condition while there excited the sympathy of all who saw him, as he was in a very nervous state and almost collapsed when he met his brother.

He said: "The men I shot were personal friends of mine and I had no idea they had any grievance against me. I would not have shot them if I had known who they were. They were masked and I thought they were outsiders who had come to rob the house."

It is thought that the matter will now be dropped by all the parties concerned and will not be taken to the court as was at first expected.

FINE ESTATE SOLD.

Ernest Marx, brother of Herbert, and A. E. Blackman, lawyer and brother-in-law, came on from New York, and while in Westmoreland sold the Marx place, together with the farming implements, horses, etc., to Mr. Harry Coats for about \$5,000. It was probably worth double the sum.

Northumberland Co.

WICOMICO CHURCH.

R. A. Clark was in Richmond recently.

S. S. Russell and W. H. Tignor were in Richmond last week.

T. L. Lawson is quite sick at this writing.

John Anderson, of Mills, is visiting relatives in Dorchester county, Md.

Miss Lela Hudson left recently to spend the winter with relatives on Kent Island, Md.

TRILBY.

H. T. Smith and Miss Florence Straughan, of Oldhams, recently visited the Millses Clark.

S. M. Snyder is having a neat little cottage erected on his recently purchased farm here and will move into it in the near future.

Milton Luckey was very badly burned Tuesday of last week.

Miss Bessie Clark, accompanied by George Douglas, visited relatives near Village Saturday and Sunday.

There will be an oyster supper and Christmas tree at the Smithland church on the 26th of December. Supper, 25 cents. WHITE LILY.

BROWN'S STORE.

Miss Genevieve Pinckard, of Rehoboth Church, is this week visiting Miss Hallie Brown.

T. J. Eubank returned Monday from a week's stay in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

C. Beverly Brown received a telegram Monday summoning him to Fredericksburg, where he has secured a position with the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank. He left Wednesday.

The young people of this vicinity are expecting a jolly good time at the oyster roast and dance at Harvey's Wharf to-night (Friday).

CHERRY POINT.

The ladies of Melrose will meet at the church on Saturday before Christmas to decorate and trim the Christmas tree for the children.

Two young men, Stanford and Gordon by name, had their canoe capsized on Lodge creek in front of the Stamp factory Thursday afternoon. They were rescued by Messrs. Charnes, Garner and Hughes.

A. G. Berneham, a prominent citizen of this place, is quite ill.

George Reynolds has left the farm known as "Texas" and gone to the old place. Leroy Winstead has taken charge of "Texas."

Many favorable comments are heard on the good quality of the paper and excellence of the print used by the CITIZEN.

MISTY VEIL.

RAINSWOOD.

S. B. Walker, E. M. Raines' enterprising engineer, alarms the neighborhood at 3 o'clock with the large whistle on the sawmill.

Milford Daman had the misfortune to get his thumb cut off with the lathe saw last week.

Rev. N. A. Page, our new preacher, preached to an attentive congregation last Sunday at Oakland M. E. church. The people like him.

John Brown, of Sunnybank, was visiting in this neighborhood Saturday and Sunday.

George Douglass has placed another plate on his table.

The Rev. Dr. Douglas, of Reelville, was visiting his home near Oakland M. E. church last Sunday.

H. F. Lewis has left his home near here and has rented the old Poly farm near Emmertown. Ned Douglass has moved to his place.

WEDDINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Clarence M. McGuigan, of Opelika, and Miss Marvin Forrester, of Farnham, were recently married at Emmertown by Rev. W. B. Jett.

A marriage license was issued at King George Courthouse Monday to George H. Guthridge, of Westmoreland county, and Mrs. Emma J. Jenkins.

It is stated that Mr. Collin Chilton, a prominent young merchant at Ottomann, and Miss Rena Kamps, of Kilmarnock, will be married at Kilmarnock Baptist church December 23rd.

Marriage licenses were issued Monday at Heathsville to Mr. Ami L. Smith and Miss Nina A. Smith and Mr. Wm. H. Walker and Miss Viola E. Humphreys, all of Northumberland county.

Cards are out announcing the marriage on December 18th at 3 p. m. at White Stone Baptist church of Miss Bessie Hathaway, daughter of L. O. Hathaway, to Mr. W. B. Jett. James, cashier of the Manford bank at Kilmarnock.

Miss Nannie Morris, of Middlesex, and Mr. W. J. Brooke, of Emmertown, were married on Tuesday evening last week at the bride's home by Dr. King. After the ceremony, which was witnessed by a large number of friends and relatives, an elegant collation was served. On Friday they arrived at Sharps Wharf, where they were pleasant visitors until Saturday. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents.

NEWLAND.

HOUSE BURNED—TWO DEATHS.

About 7 p. m. Saturday, the house occupied by Geo. W. Henson, on the Rappahannock river, Mulberry Island farm, was found in ashes on its return from a visit, his wife being too excited to save anything worth mentioning. His corn, provender and hog-bung were good distance from the dwelling were not damaged. The furniture was saved except what his wife had on and she managed to save one chair as she escaped with her little babe. Barker Balderson, being the nearest neighbor, saw the flames, and ran for his boat and made every possible effort to assist the lonely woman, but was too late to save anything. Every effort will be made to rebuild in the shortest time.

Mrs. Rebecca Motherhead, an old lady aged 80 years, died Friday at her residence near Rappahannock river. She has been a member of this church for fifty years. Her remains were taken to the old Motherhead cemetery for interment.

Mr. Frank Carter died Sunday after twelve months' suffering with consumption. He leaves two brothers. Five sports from Warsaw were bird shooting on Mulberry farm Monday.

Westmoreland Co.

NOMINI GROVE.

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Louis A. Edwards and Miss Sallie Edwards, both of this place, will be married in Baltimore this week. Lewis is an enterprising young gentleman of noble qualities, while Miss Sallie is the accomplished daughter of William M. Edwards, a prosperous merchant.

Miss Almada Middleton, of Village, and Mr. James Thomas were married December 4th.

Miss Frances Jones and Jeter Fones, both of Richmond county, were married December 4th.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Gibson church will have an entertainment at Village Hall, Northumberland county, December 27th, commencing at 1 o'clock. It will consist of an oyster supper, confectioneries, etc.

Randolph Harris, of Reelville, visited friends near Warsaw the past week.

A. Harrison, of Washington, gladdened the hearts of friends near here by his presence recently.

Mrs. W. B. Fones and Miss N. B. Clark, of Warsaw, were pleasant visitors near here Sunday.

Richard Harrison has returned from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. George Hale, of Philadelphia.

Robert Hall has returned to his home, near Lyells, from a visit to relatives in Washington.

Mr. Hannibal Chandler died at his home, near Oldhams, December 4th of consumption. His remains passed here on the 6th to Montross for interment.

The remains of Mrs. Jennie Prescott (nee Davis) were interred in Gibson church cemetery December 4th. Rev. Richard Edwards conducted the burial services.

Luther Scott continues ill at his home near here.

R. H. Nash, a prominent citizen of Bayneville, this county, died suddenly Tuesday morning. He was a deacon and treasurer of Pope's Creek Baptist church, and was a gallant ex-Confederate soldier.

A. C. Rock, of Lyells, is somewhat indisposed.

MONEY MISCARRIED.

Tignor Brothers, who own a large store at Wicomico Church, recently put \$200 in a letter and directed it to the bank at Kilmarnock. They mailed the letter at Wicomico Church, but the bank says that the letter did not reach them. It is evident that the money was stolen, but where to place the guilt is a problem.

For cut prices on staple goods go to W. A. Dameron & Bro's, Weems. They will save you money and show you a most complete stock.

The Eminent Kidney and Bladder Specialist.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because of its deceptive nature. Many sudden deaths are caused by heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Then the richness of the blood—the albumen disease, the worst form of kidney trouble. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root the new discovery is the true specific for kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. It cures the most apparently hopeless cases, after all other efforts have failed. At druggists in fifty-cent and dollar bottles sent free by mail, also a book telling about Swamp-Root and its wonderful cures. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and mention this paper.

See The Bargains!

Ladies' Shoes 87½ cts. to \$3.00, fine and choice.

Gents' Shoes 80 cts. to \$4.00, fine and choice.

Gents' Pants, 50 cts. to \$4.00, Overcoats and Suits.

Full line of Ladies' and Gents' Underwear, 25 cts. and up.

Fancy Shirts, 95 cts. and up.

Neckwear, the latest of the season, and everything else in proportion.

J. C. MCKENNEY,

(White Marsh Church)

BROOKVALE P. O., VA.

Shareholders' Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of shareholders of the National Bank of Irvington, Va., will be held in the bank building on Friday, January 10, 1902, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year. Polls will be open from 11 a. m. to 12 m.

NOTICE.

Will be sold at public auction on SATURDAY, DEC. 14TH, AT 12 M., at Kilmarnock, Va., 1 Bull, 12 Cows and 12 Hogs, all of good breed, 2 Horses, 2 Wagons, 3 Top Boxes and a lot of Household and Kitchen Furniture. Purchasing time up with note on eight months' time.

On Jellies

preserved and pickled, spread PURE REFINED PARAFFINE

Will keep your food pure and sweet and will not burn or smoke when used. Full directions in each package.

STANDARD OIL CO.

XMAS IS NEARLY HERE,

And Geo. R. McKenney, the big merchant at Bell's Creek, has already arrived from Baltimore with the greatest Xmas Stock he ever carried. Holiday gifts of all sorts and descriptions at prices to please all.



My stock of caudles, ranging in price from 6 cts. to 25 cts. per pound, is something wonderful, as well as the Xmas tree ornaments. Green and dried fruits at rock-bottom prices.

250 pair of shoes, nearly all sizes, will have to go at 50 cents per pair. This stock is complete, and what can't be found here it will be needed for look for anywhere in the Northern Neck.

Don't forget the place to buy is at

Geo. R. McKenney's,

BELL'S CREEK, VA., (Berks, P. O.)

NEW IDEAS FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Opera and Marine Glasses. House and Clinical Thermometers. Gold Eye Glasses and Iffooks. Magnifying Glasses and Hyperdermic Syringes.

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TUCKER, HALL & TRAYLOR, The Expert Opticians, 69 Plume Street, NORFOLK, VA.

NOTICE TO SALESMEN.

I hereby give notice that no one is authorized to contract for the purchase of merchandise or other goods in my name. I will not be responsible for purchases other than made by me.

TRADE BALTIMORE PROPERTY.

A two-story house, with store in basement, which rents for \$300 per year, in a pleasant part of Baltimore, will be sold in the interest of Bowling Impale ment Co., of Baltimore, J. B. Nichols, the big game dealers, of Baltimore, and J. B. Nichols & Son, seedsmen. Mr. Payne is an up-to-date farmer and would appreciate any orders held for him.

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND MERCHANTS.

Jno. T. Payne, of White Stone, will this month canvass the counties of Richmond, Lancaster, Northumberland and Westmoreland in the interest of Bowling Impale ment Co., of Baltimore, J. B. Nichols, the big game dealers, of Baltimore, and J. B. Nichols & Son, seedsmen. Mr. Payne is an up-to-date farmer and would appreciate any orders held for him.

GEO. R. FINCH, WITH FINDLAY, ROBERTS & CO., Wholesale Hardware, Wire and Cutlery, Hopkins Place, BALTIMORE, MD.

MRS. G. S. PASQUITH, Permanent and Transient Boarding, 206 Warren Ave., BALTIMORE, MD.

WOOD AND TIES WANTED.

20,000 cords Poplar Wood and 30,000 Chestnut Ties wanted. Delivered either on shore or